



# Utah Agriculture

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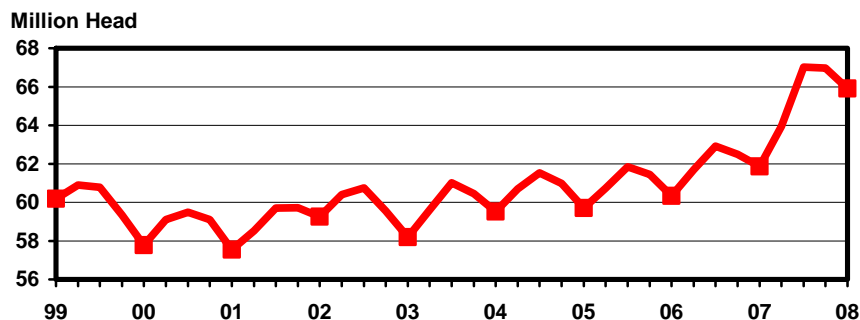
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## U.S. Hog Inventory Up 7 Percent

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. **The December 2007-February 2008 pig crop**, at 28.1 million head, was up 6 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.05 million head, up 5 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory  
March 1**



## Manufactured Dairy Products

**UTAH:** **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in February 2008, at 7.2 million pounds, was 1.0 percent below February 2007, and 7.1 percent above January 2008. **Hard ice cream** production at 1.6 million gallons, was 12.6 percent below February 2007, and was 15.6 percent below January 2008.

**UNITED STATES:** **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 784 million pounds, 4.8 percent above February 2007 but 3.5 percent below January 2008. **Italian type cheese** production totaled 335 million pounds, 4.8 percent above February 2007 but 4.8 percent below January 2008. **American type cheese** production totaled 319 million pounds, 4.5 percent above February 2007 but 4.4 percent below January 2008. **Butter** production was 147 million pounds, 9.4 percent above February 2007 but 13.1 percent below January 2008. **Hard Ice Cream** production at 66.0 million gallons was up 0.7 percent from February 2007, and up 4.5 percent from January 2008.

**Manufactured Dairy Production – February 2007-2008 with Comparisons**

Product	Utah			United States		
	February 2007	January <sup>1</sup> 2008	February 2008	February 2007	January <sup>1</sup> 2008	February 2008
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	7,242	6,691	7,168	748,496	812,722	784,097
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,781	1,845	1,557	65,530	63,166	65,987

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

# Agricultural Prices

**UTAH:** Mid-April 2008 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was \$150.00 per ton, the same as last month, but up \$37.00 per ton from last year. Other hay, at \$125.00 per ton, was the same as last month, but \$40.00 higher than April 2007. Barley at \$4.88 per bushel and was up \$1.70 from the same month last year. The average price of all milk purchased in March 2008 from Utah farmers was \$18.70 per hundred wt.(Cwt) unchanged from February 2008, and up \$3.10 from the March 2007.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 144 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for eggs, strawberries, cattle, and wheat. Higher prices were received for corn, lettuce, onions, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.3 percent) from April 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 140, decreased 5 points (3.4 percent) from last month but increased 5 points (3.7 percent) from April 2007.

## Average Prices Received by Farmers <sup>1</sup>

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley <sup>2</sup>		Alfalfa Hay Baled <sup>3</sup>		Other Hay Baled <sup>3</sup>		Barley <sup>2</sup>		Alfalfa Hay Baled <sup>3</sup>		Other Hay Baled <sup>3</sup>	
Month	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
January	3.65	6.03	105.00	145.00	79.00	120.00	3.03	4.34	112.00	135.00	104.00	118.00
February	3.91	( <sup>4</sup> )	107.00	150.00	81.00	130.00	3.09	4.39	115.00	138.00	107.00	122.00
March	3.70	4.76	113.00	150.00	87.00	125.00	3.11	4.53	121.00	143.00	115.00	128.00
April	3.18	4.88	113.00	150.00	85.00	125.00	3.07	4.17	127.00	157.00	115.00	140.00
May	3.72		120.00		90.00		3.12		145.00		115.00	
June	( <sup>4</sup> )		121.00		92.00		3.30		137.00		111.00	
July	3.38		123.00		105.00		3.45		137.00		113.00	
August	3.39		130.00		118.00		3.54		137.00		118.00	
September	4.71		132.00		114.00		4.04		135.00		124.00	
October	5.58		132.00		110.00		4.50		137.00		122.00	
November	5.22		135.00		120.00		4.34		135.00		123.00	
December	4.99		140.00		120.00		4.51		136.00		126.00	

<sup>1</sup> March 2008 is mid-month. <sup>2</sup> Dollars per bushel. <sup>3</sup>Dollars per ton. <sup>4</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Commodity <sup>1</sup>	Utah		United States	
	All Milk		All Milk	
Month	2007	2008	2007	2008
January	14.50	20.20	14.50	20.50
February	14.70	18.70	14.90	19.10
March	15.50	18.70	15.60	18.10
April	16.00		16.60	18.00 <sup>2</sup>
May	17.80		18.00	
June	20.20		20.20	
July	21.20		21.60	
August	21.00		21.60	
September	21.40		21.80	
October	21.10		21.40	
November	21.10		21.90	
December	21.10		21.50	

<sup>1</sup> Dollars per hundred wt.(CWT) <sup>2</sup> preliminary

## U.S. March Milk Production Up 2.4 Percent

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2007. February revised production at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States, Preliminary January-March, 2007-2008

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	13.0	12.0	58	53	-8.6
AK	0.6	0.6	2.3	2.1	-8.7
AZ	176	185	1,086	1,144	5.3
AR	18.0	16.5	61	55	-9.8
CA	1,795	1,843	10,072	10,458	3.8
CO	115	124	625	709	13.4
CT	19.0	19.0	94	94	
DE	7.0	6.5	30.0	30.0	
FL	130	124	584	573	-1.9
GA	77	77	381	363	-4.7
HI	3.6	2.0	12.1	4.5	-62.8
ID	503	537	2,724	2,965	8.8
IL	103	102	489	488	-0.2
IN	166	167	841	842	0.1
IA	211	216	1,074	1,083	0.8
KS	110	109	539	566	5.0
KY	93	91	332	325	-2.1
LA	30	27	105	96	-8.6
ME	32	33	141	147	4.3
MD	60	56	276	269	-2.5
MA	15.0	14.5	65	65	
MI	328	344	1,855	1,902	2.5
MN	455	463	2,171	2,201	1.4
MS	22	21	94	86	-8.5
MO	115	110	444	407	-8.3
MT	18.0	17.0	84	76	-9.5
NE	60	58	279	269	-3.6
NV	27	27	139	143	2.9
NH	14.5	14.5	72	75	4.2
NJ	10.5	10.0	43	44	2.3
NM	353	340	1,770	1,923	8.6
NY	628	626	2,964	3,086	4.1
NC	48	48	242	238	-1.7
ND	31	28	114	108	-5.3
OH	275	279	1,230	1,264	2.8
OK	70	66	296	277	-6.4
OR	115	114	576	527	-8.5
PA	549	551	2,663	2,671	0.3
RI	1.1	1.1	4.4	4.8	9.1
SC	18.0	18.0	87	85	-2.3
SD	84	87	401	426	6.2
TN	66	61	270	256	-5.2
TX	347	368	1,853	2,070	11.7
UT	85	85	414	430	3.9
VT	140	140	627	655	4.5
VA	100	98	449	453	0.9
WA	235	244	1,342	1,416	5.5
WV	13.0	12.0	50	46	-8.0
WI	1,246	1,250	5,904	6,046	2.4
WY	7.1	7.0	29.1	35.3	21.3
US <sup>3</sup>	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	3.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding.

## Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH: Commercial red meat production** totaled 42.0 million pounds in March 2008, up 6.6 percent from the same month of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for March 2008 totaled 52.1 thousand head, 6.8 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,289 pounds, down 12 pounds from February 2007. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,400 head up 7.3 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 210 pounds, up 17 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during March 2008 totaled 2,800 head down 6.7 percent from the previous year. Average live weight, at 140 pounds, down 3 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in March 2007. **Beef production**, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 2 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 11.2 million pounds, 17 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,800 head, up slightly from March 2007. The average live weight was down 48 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.96 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.66 million head, up 5 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.0 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 230,900 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter				
March 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>				
Item	Utah		United States	
	March		March	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<i>Production (Millions Pounds)</i>				
<i>Red Meat . . . . .</i>	39.4	42.0	4,012.4	4,092.9
<i>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</i>				
<i>Cattle . . . . .</i>	48.8	52.1	2,793.0	2,730.9
<i>Calves . . . . .</i>	1	1	70.7	70.8
<i>Hogs . . . . .</i>	4.1	4.4	9,201.7	9,661.6
<i>Sheep &amp; Lambs</i>	3.0	2.8	279.5	230.9
<i>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</i>				
<i>Cattle . . . . .</i>	1,301	1,289	1,260	1,276
<i>Calves . . . . .</i>	1	1	321	273
<i>Hogs . . . . .</i>	193	210	270	271
<i>Sheep &amp; Lambs . . .</i>	143	140	140	139

<sup>1</sup> Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations